



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: ST. HELEN WILDLIFE AREA RMAP ROAD CLOSURE

Description of Proposal:

The purpose of this work is to eliminate environmental impacts of roads, address safety concerns, and for the protection of natural resources in the area. Road abandoning work will involve the removal of culverts and restoration of stream channels. All motorized vehicle traffic will be restricted on roads that are being abandoned as part of the Road Management and Abandonment Plan of the Mt. St. Helens Wildlife Area. This project is intended to protect and preserve wildlife by reducing road impacts.

Approximately 1 mile of old forest roads will be abandoned per Forest Practices of Road Maintenance and Abandonment Planning standards. The longest segment is about 1/3 mile long segment that is a safety hazard because it is being undercut by the Toutle River (See photograph). Aggrading sediment will likely bury the entire road in the near future if this not completely undercut first. The remaining segments are dead end roads that are less than 800 feet long.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Hoffstadt Unit, Mt. St. Helen's Wildlife Area Washington, Cowlitz County; Sections 14,15, 22, 23, 24 Township 10 North, Range 02 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **July 25, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: July 10, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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